

Gloucester Public School

Works notification | 9 December 2024

Dear staff, parents and carers,

On Friday 8 November 2024, a toilet partition was damaged in the boys toilets in Building C at Gloucester Public School.

The toilet partition is known to contain bonded asbestos as listed on the school's asbestos register.

NSW Health explains that "living or working with asbestos, or just being around it, is a low risk to your health as long as the asbestos is in good condition and not damaged".

On Monday 11 November, a local contractor assessed the damage and on their advice the toilets were locked and made out of bounds to students.

We have engaged an independent hygienist and are following their recommendations.

Work to remove the asbestos and replace the partition will take place during the Summer School Holidays.

This period may include from the end of the school day on **Friday 20 December 2024 up to the first day of Term 1, Friday 31 January 2025.**

Work will take place between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.

The boys toilets in Building C will remain closed until work is complete. There is another boys toilet in Building C that remains open and alternative toilets in Building J the students can use for the rest of Term 4.

All work will be done in accordance with work health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed asbestos contractors and monitored by independent hygienists.

Once works are completed, a hygienist will issue a clearance certificate before the toilets are reopened for use.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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